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Re: Response of L.E. Jones Company to General Notice of Potential Liability
The Chemical Recovery Systems Site, Elyria, Ohio

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

I am writing on behalf of the L.E. Jones Company ("L.E. Jones") in response to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") March 2, 2001, General Notice of Potential Liability. The EPA has requested a statement of whether L.E. Jones is willing to perform or finance the activities described in the General Notice.

Shortly after L.E. Jones received the General Notice, I contacted EPA attorney Thomas Nash in your office and requested any information upon which the EPA relied in naming L.E. Jones as a potentially responsible party at the Chemical Recovery Systems Site (the "Site"). He stated that he would attempt to provide me with such information. Subsequently, Mr. Nash sent me a document listing alleged contributors of waste to the Site, but there was no reference to L.E. Jones. In another telephone conversation, Mr. Nash stated only that a "Jones company in Michigan" may have been identified in a statement by a driver associated with the Site.

L.E. Jones is not aware of any evidence linking it to the Site. Given these circumstances, L.E. Jones will not participate at this time in any activities at the Site. L.E. Jones will respond to the EPA's request for information in a separate submission.

Please give me a call if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL BEST & FRIEDRICH LLP

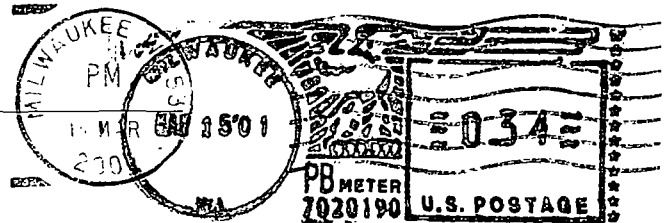
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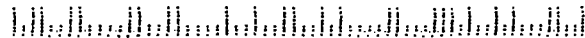
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